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1. SUMMARY: NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRIANS AND SWISS OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS HAVE PRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MOVE OF UN UNITS TO DONAUPARK. DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED AS AUSTRIAN DRAFT IS QUOTED IN PARA 6. REACTIONS WITHIN WEO GROUP TO DRAFT RESOLUTION WERE MIXED. END SUMMARY

2. OVER PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL TRILATERAL (US/AUSTRIA/SWITZERLAND) MEETINGS AS WELL AS BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH AUSTRIANS AND SWISS ON MOVE OF UN UNITED TO DONAUPARK. OBJECTIVE OF MEETINGS WAS TO SEEK CONSENSUS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE TABLED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE.

3. US AND AUSTRIANS REACHED AGREEMENT BUT SWISS, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM BERN, WERE UNABLE TO CONCUR. WHILE THERE WERE SEVERAL RELATIVELY MINOR DIFFERENCES WHICH PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN PAPERED OVER, FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE WAS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASES II AND III OF PHASED MOVES AS DESCRIBED IN SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (A/C.5/31/34). US AND AUSTRIANS AGREED TO GIVE SYG AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH PHASES II AND III ON OWN AUTHORITY UNDER GUIDELINES APPROVED BY UNGA AND TO REPORT TO UNGA ON ACTIONS TAKEN AND CONTEMPLATED; SWISS

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INSISTED THAT SYG DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF

PHASES II AND III AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF FUTURE UNGA.

4. AUSTRIANS AND SWISS TOOK THEIR CASES TO WEO MEETING ON DECEMBER 9. REACTIONS OF WEO'S WERE MIXED. OF DELEGATIONS WHICH SPOKE, US, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, UK, FRG, AND IRELAND GENERALLY SUPPORTED AUSTRIANS. NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN, ITALY AND DENMARK GENERALLY SUPPORTED SWITZERLAND, WITH BELGIUM LEANING IN THAT DIRECTION BUT REQUESTING MORE INFORMATION. FRANCE WAFFLED.

5. IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS KLESTIL (AUSTRIA) SAID MAINTENANCE COSTS OF UNUSED SPACE SET ASIDE FOR OCCUPANCY BY UN AGENCIES WOULD BE BORNE BY AGENCIES AND NOT BY AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

6. AUSTRIANS WILL CIRCULATE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITHOUT CO-SPONSOR LATE DECEMBER. ADVANCE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH MEETS POINTS IN DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND WHICH USDEL HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3350 (XXIX) OF 18 DECEMBER 1974 IN WHICH IT WELCOMED THE INVITATION EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE DONAUPARK PROJECT IN VIENNA AFTER 1978,

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTION 3529 (XXX) OF 16 DECEMBER 1975 IN WHICH IT TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE INCLUSION OF VIENNA IN THE PATTERN OF CONFERENCES (A/10348),

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE UTILIZATION OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT THE DONAUPARK CENTRE IN VIENNA (A/C.5/31/34), AND THE REALATED REPORT OF THE ACABQ (.....).

1. APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL RELATING TO TOWER A-2, AS CONTAINED IN PARA. 13 (A) OF HIS REPORT
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(A/C.5/31/34), AND TO THAT EFFECT, AUTHORIZED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ENTER INTO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE IAEA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA,

2. APPROVES THE PHASED PLAN OF ACTION AS DEFINED IN PARA 11 AND 12 AND SUMMARIZED IN PARA 13 (B) OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL (A/C.5/31/34), AND PARAGRAPHS 1-3 OF ANNEX I TO THAT DOCUMENT,

3. AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PUT INTO EFFECT PHASE I AND TO PROCEED WITH PHASES II AND III ON THE BASIS OF THE SUGGESTIONS IN HIS REPORT (A/C.5/31/34) AND, BASED ON SOUND PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT, OF OTHER POSSIBILITIES RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES FOR EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THE SPACE,

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT REGULAR INTERVALS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION.

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